DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND BUSINESS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 11, 2014.** A conference session and business meeting will be held the following day on **Wednesday, March 12, 2014**. The hearing, conference session and business meeting are open to the public and will be held at the Washington Crossing Historic Park Visitor Center, 1112 River Road, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

Public Hearing. The public hearing on March 11, 2014 will begin at 1:30 p.m. Hearing items will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges and other water-related projects subject to the Commission's review, and a resolution to adopt the Commission's capital and operating budgets for fiscal year 2015. The list of projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, will be posted on the Commission's web site, www.drbc.net, in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date. Written comments on draft dockets and resolutions scheduled for hearing on March 11 will be accepted through the close of the hearing that day. After the hearing on all scheduled matters has been completed, there will be an opportunity for public dialogue.

Because hearings on particular projects may be postponed to allow additional time for the commission's review, interested parties are advised to check the web site periodically prior to the hearing date. Any postponements will be duly noted there.

<u>Public Meeting</u>. The public meeting on **March 12, 2014** will begin at **12:15 p.m.** and will consist of a conference session followed by a business meeting. The conference session will include a presentation by a representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study for reducing flood risk to coastal populations and promoting resilient coastal communities.

The business meeting will include the following items: adoption of the Minutes of the Commission's December 4, 2013 business meeting, announcements of upcoming meetings and events, a report on hydrologic conditions, reports by the Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel, and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comments at the March 12 business meeting on hearing items for which the hearing was completed on March 11 or a previous date. Commission consideration on March 12 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in either approval of the item (docket or resolution) as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

Advance Sign-Up for Oral Comment. Individuals who wish to comment for the record at the public hearing on March 11 or to address the Commissioners informally during the public dialogue portion of the hearing on March 11 are asked to sign up in advance by contacting Ms. Paula Schmitt of the Commission staff, at paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us or by phoning Ms. Schmitt at 609-883-9500 ext. 224.

Addresses for Written Comment. Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be delivered by hand at the public hearing or in advance of the hearing, either: by hand, U.S. Mail or private carrier to: Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 7360, 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, NJ 08628; by fax to Commission Secretary, DRBC at 609-883-9522; or by email to paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us. If submitted by email in advance of the hearing date, written comments on a docket should also be sent to Mr. William Muszynski, Manager, Water Resources Management at william.muszynski@drbc.state.nj.us.

Accommodations for Special Needs. Individuals in need of an accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act who wish to attend the informational meeting, conference session or hearings should contact the Commission Secretary directly at 609-883-9500 ext. 203 or through the Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) at 711, to discuss how we can accommodate your needs.

<u>Updates.</u> Items scheduled for hearing are occasionally postponed to allow more time for the Commission to consider them. Other meeting items also are subject to change. Please check the Commission's website, www.drbc.net, closer to the meeting date for changes that may be made after the deadline for filing this notice.

Additional Information, Contacts. The list of projects scheduled for hearing, with descriptions,

will be posted on the Commission's web site, www.drbc.net, in a long form of this notice at

least ten days before the hearing date. Draft dockets and resolutions for hearing items will be

available as hyperlinks from the posted notice. Additional public records relating to hearing

items may be examined at the Commission's offices by appointment by contacting Carol

Adamovic, 609-883-9500, ext. 249. For other questions concerning hearing items, please

contact Project Review Section assistant Victoria Lawson at 609-883-9500, ext. 216.

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